

Amendments to the Claims

1-20.(canceled)

21.(previously presented) A method, comprising:

the printer displaying a plurality of pending secured print jobs each having an authorized bio signature associated therewith;

the printer receiving a selection of one of the secured print jobs for printing;

the printer comparing an entered bio signature for a user to the authorized bio signature for the selected print job; and

the printer printing the selected print job if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature for the selected print job.

22.(previously presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising prompting a user to enter a bio signature of the user at the printer after receiving a selection of one of the secured print jobs for printing.

23.(previously presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the printer printing the selected print job if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature for the selected print job comprises the printer printing the selected print job only if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature for the selected print job.

24-25.(canceled)

26.(previously presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising tracking usage of the printer according to an entered bio signature.

27.(previously presented) A printing system, comprising:

a computer;

a first biometric identification device operatively connected to the computer for entering bio signatures directly into the computer;

the computer configured to associate an authorized bio signature entered through the first biometric identification device with a secured print job;
a printer operatively connected to the computer;
a second biometric identification device operatively connected to the printer for entering bio signatures directly into the printer; and
the printer configured to compare a bio signature of a user entered through the second biometric identification device to an authorized bio signature associated with a secured print job received from the computer and print the print job if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature.

28.(currently amended) The system of Claim 27 ~~28~~, wherein the printer configured to print the print job if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature comprises the printer configured to print the print job only if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature.

29-30.(canceled)

31.(previously presented) The system of Claim 27, wherein the printer is further configured to track usage of the printer according to an entered bio signature.

32-33.(canceled)

34.(previously presented) The system of Claim 27, wherein the printer comprises a fax machine.

35.(previously presented) The system of Claim 27, wherein the bio signatures comprise an electronic representation of a user's fingerprint.

36.(previously presented) A method, comprising:

a computer associating a plurality of authorized bio signatures with a single print job;

the computer sending the print job to a printer;

the printer comparing an entered bio signature for a user to the authorized bio signatures for the print job; and

the printer printing the print job if the entered bio signature matches one of the authorized bio signatures.

37.(previously presented) The method of Claim 36, wherein the printer printing the print job if the entered bio signature matches one of the authorized bio signatures comprises the printer printing the print job only if the entered bio signature matches one of the authorized bio signatures.